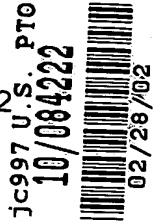


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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR §1.55, the Applicants hereby claim the  
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